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In re the Application of: **Toshiaki AKAHOSHI**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows: